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In response to the Office Action dated October 15, 2003, Applicants respectfully request that the rejection of record be reconsidered in view of the following remarks.

A statement of common ownership of the present application and U.S. Patent No. 6,417,904 to Yamaoka et al. is set forth on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 3 of this paper.

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STATEMENT OF COMMON OWNERSHIP

Applicants submit that the present application and U.S. Patent No. 6,417,904 to Yamaoka et al. were, at the time the invention of the present application was made, owned by the same company Nitto Denko Corporation, of Osaka, Japan.